

Drinking Water Program Regulatory Fee Structure

Transition Task Force

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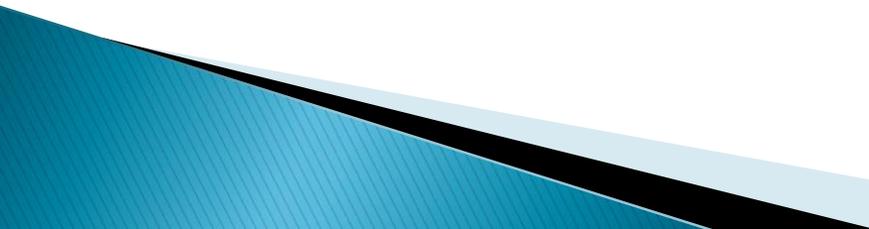


Drinking Water Program Regulatory Fees

Sections 116565 – 116595 of the Health & Safety Code contain the fees the Department is allowed to charge public water systems to carry out its mandated responsibility of ensuring that all public water systems meet the requirements of the California Safe Drinking Water Act

The revenue generated partially funds the activities carried out by the Drinking Water Program to fulfill this responsibility

Fees are based on size and type of public water system



Public Water System Type

- ▶ Community – 15 service connections used by year long residents or at least 25 year long residents.
 - Large Water Systems (LWS) – serves 1,000 or more connections
 - Small Water System (SWS) – serves < 1,000 connections
- ▶ Nontransient noncommunity (NTNC) – serves 25 or more of the same people over six months per year.
- ▶ Transient noncommunity (TNC) – serves 25 people at least 60 days a year

Large Water Systems Billed Hourly for Staff Time

Activities related to:

- ▶ Issuance of Permits
- ▶ Inspections and Investigation
- ▶ Compliance Tracking
- ▶ Monitoring Data
- ▶ Enforcement
- ▶ Variances / Waivers / Plan Checks

735 Large Water Systems – Hourly rate for FY 13/14 – \$128.00

Time Accounting billable total for FY 2012–13 \$10,619,406

Small Water System Fee Estimate 2013-14

Estimate of # of systems	H & S Code § 116565		Total Estimate of Revenue Billed
1,200	Small community serving up to 999 service connections subject to variable rate based on service connections(SC)	\$6.00 per SC but not less than \$250	\$1,421,000
500	Non-transient non-community system subject to variable rate based on population served(PS)	\$2.00 per PS but not less than \$456	\$ 378,000
1,000	Transient non-community system subject to flat rate (N1)	\$ 800.00 per system	\$ 800,000
20	Transient non-community issued" Hand washing exemption" (N2)	\$ 102.00 Systems with grandfather rights	\$ 2,040
2,720			\$ 2,601,040.00

Permits

Permit Application Fees for PWS \leq 1,000 SC	
H&S Code \S 116570	
Action	Fee
New CWS application for permit	\$518.00
New NCWS application for permit	\$310.00
Amendments to existing permit	\$258.00
Change of ownership	\$155.00
Total revenue for permits	\$36,000